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11. (U) On February 12, POLOFF made ref A points to Brinda Trilok, U.S. Desk Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Interestingly enough, Ms. Trilok was just rotated back into the position after working on Eastern European issues, including Kosovo, for several months. While acknowledging the progress in the security situation and other indicators in Kosovo, Ms. Trilok noted that the GOM would stand on its position to not recognize Kosovo.

12. (C) Comment: Despite initial promising discussions with GOM at the onset of Kosovo's movement towards independence, recent demarches suggest that GOM is unlikely to recognize Kosovo. Post has delivered various high-level demarches to debunk the linkages between Kosovo and the Chagos Archipelago, but as long as even the smallest link of territorial integrity can be argued, Post doubts that Mauritius will change its position. End Comment.

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